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MEMORANDA.

Population.—The estimate of population as at 30th September shows that the increase during the quarter was 10,340, or at the rate of $2\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum, the highest since 1891.

Trade.—The imports during October were valued at £2,950,631, which is £27,158 less than the corresponding month of last year. For the ten months there was an increase of £3,789,161 as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during the month amounted to £1,651,657, as compared with £1,494,281 in October, 1905. During the ten months there was a falling-off in gold, tea, and agricultural implements, while increases were shown in all the other articles, but chiefly in metals, machinery, iron and steel, apparel and soft-goods.

The oversea exports for October amounted to £2,902,460, and for the ten months to £22,796,212. The total for the month shows a decrease of £365,342, and for the ten months an increase of £6,255,690, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. Of the increase during the ten months, £2,515,169 was in merchandise, and £3,739,521 in gold. The decrease during October was due to the decrease in wool, the export of which has been delayed owing to unfavourable weather. During the ten months there were increases in all the principal articles, especially gold, wool, skins, frozen meat, and metals.

Banks of Issue.—The banking averages for the quarter ended 30th September show that at the end of the quarter the deposits exceeded the advances by £5,410,280, as compared with an excess of £3,438,763 for the corresponding period of 1905. During the quarter deposits decreased by £522,835, and advances increased by £1,109,786. Reserves of coin and bullion decreased by £594,474, chiefly owing to increased exports of gold.

Railways.—The report on the Railways for the quarter ended 30th September shows that, compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905, the net earnings show an improvement of £39,544, notwithstanding that the wool traffic has been delayed owing to wet weather. The earnings increased by 1½d., and the expenditure decreased by ½d., per train mile, as compared with the September quarter, 1905.

Mineral Production.—The gold yield during October was 40,723 oz. crude, equal to 33,908 oz. fine, valued at £144,031. During the ten months of 1906 there has been an increase in the value of gold produced of £41,713, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Prices.—The general index number for October was the highest for the year. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,268, which showed a slight fall; for metals, 1,567, a large increase; and for all articles, 1,296. During the month prices remained at about the same level, except the industrial metals, which increased still further.

Meteorology.—Taking the month as a whole, the rainfall during October was very useful, and especially in the northern and central parts the falls were above the average.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	672,520	589,750	1,262,270	23,020	1.86	1,250,760
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1.32	1,270,620
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1.78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1.64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1.58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1.53	1,354,335
1901	723,035	656,496	1,379,531	14,941	1.09	1,372,060
1902	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2.04	1,393,622
1903	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1.70	1,422,803
1904	773,234	688,299	1,461,533	29,904	2.09	1,446,440
1905	794,400	701,650	1,496,050	34,517	2.36	1,478,600
31st March, 1906	799,260	705,440	1,504,700	.....	.....	.....
30th June, 1906	804,740	709,500	1,514,240	.....	.....	.....
30th Sept., 1906	810,850	713,730	1,524,580	.....	.....	.....

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	23,860	19.07
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16.27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17.81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14.90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15.42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16.26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15.93
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15.20
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13.68
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16.11
1905	10,941	20,261	19,311	8,715	6,265	24,592	16.63
Jan. to Sept., 1906	8,617	15,637	14,835	6,456	4,609	19,407	.....
July to Sept., 1906	2,799	5,510	5,123	2,296	1,590	6,747	.....
July to Sept., 1905	2,541	5,441	5,043	2,260	1,627	6,597	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.								Departures.									
	By Sea.				By Land.				Total.	By Sea.				By Land.				Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966								
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346								
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,305	43,939	22,572	45,868	27,959	138,538								
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,000	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677								
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227								
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831								
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	163,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525								
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	166,700	42,085	25,497	57,032	29,275	153,799								
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815								
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662								
1905	47,877	26,280	62,987	35,142	172,286	38,904	24,770	62,340	36,347	162,361								
Jan. to Sept., 1906	35,637	20,833	51,691	31,215	139,376	29,850	19,335	50,323	30,791	130,299								
July to Sept., 1906	10,960	5,731	17,663	10,481	44,835	8,740	5,176	16,987	10,339	41,242								
July to Sept., 1905	10,305	4,949	16,782	8,131	40,167	8,019	4,765	16,649	7,911	37,344								

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.				United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.		By Sea.					
1900	82,530		45,962		4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,473		46,982		4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509		46,899		4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784		42,529		4,249	12,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281		42,910		4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
1905	98,129		44,302		4,859	15,093	9,903	172,286
Jan. to Sept., 1906	82,906		34,060		3,378	12,821	6,211	139,376
July to Sept., 1906	28,144		9,764		1,431	3,482	2,014	44,835
July to Sept., 1905	24,913		8,943		907	3,141	2,263	40,167

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.				United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.		By Sea.					
1900	85,641		42,863		5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,025		43,426		5,221	12,159	8,694	170,525
1902	86,307		36,540		5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189		34,909		5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042		35,920		5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
1905	98,687		36,762		5,501	12,310	9,101	162,361
Jan. to Sept., 1906	81,114		28,612		4,101	9,213	7,259	130,299
July to Sept., 1906	27,326		7,678		564	3,340	2,334	41,242
July to Sept., 1905	24,560		7,656		828	2,354	1,946	37,344

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
Ale and Beer	£ 34,961	£ 116,911	£ 151,872	£ 35,729	£ 134,312	£ 170,041
Animals, Living	£ 1,497,916	£ 35,299	£ 1,533,215	£ 1,775,340	£ 32,612	£ 1,807,952
Apparel and Attire	£ 356,366	£ 775,523	£ 1,131,889	£ 294,614	£ 742,373	£ 1,036,987
Piece Goods	£ 244,312	£ 2,432,180	£ 2,676,492	£ 205,866	£ 2,278,201	£ 2,484,067
Boots and Shoes	£ 186,882	£ 104,096	£ 290,978	£ 187,993	£ 142,649	£ 330,642
Cordage and Twines	£ 33,156	£ 32,228	£ 65,384	£ 33,893	£ 170,273	£ 204,166
Drugs and Chemicals	£ 21,220	£ 157,228	£ 178,448	£ 18,081	£ 116,588	£ 134,669
Fish—all kinds	£ 21,743	£ 84,204	£ 105,947	£ 26,738	£ 92,929	£ 119,667
Fruits and Vegetables	£ 488,717	£ 68,084	£ 556,801	£ 389,881	£ 62,112	£ 451,993
Furniture	£ 32,040	£ 81,811	£ 113,851	£ 25,318	£ 80,816	£ 106,134
Glass and Glassware	£ 21,937	£ 94,720	£ 116,657	£ 24,585	£ 108,724	£ 133,309
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	£ 3,550,994	£ 957,380	£ 4,508,374	£ 3,947,861	£ 518,142	£ 4,466,003
Hats and Caps	£ 53,963	£ 148,179	£ 202,142	£ 52,808	£ 173,894	£ 226,702
Implements, &c., Agricultural ...	£ 174,732	£ 89,293	£ 264,025	£ 164,633	£ 148,375	£ 313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	£ 25,088	£ 221,970	£ 247,058	£ 20,495	£ 183,575	£ 204,070
Galvanized Sheet	£ 31,588	£ 251,912	£ 283,500	£ 25,249	£ 234,207	£ 259,516
Leather	£ 95,153	£ 109,552	£ 204,705	£ 76,329	£ 117,980	£ 194,309
Machines and Machinery	£ 169,156	£ 763,919	£ 933,075	£ 139,556	£ 678,955	£ 818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free ...	£ 60,347	£ 521,993	£ 582,340	£ 39,690	£ 327,280	£ 366,970
Dutiable	£ 109,560	£ 401,124	£ 510,684	£ 93,764	£ 364,480	£ 458,244
Oil—Kerosene	£ 11,441	£ 128,776	£ 140,217	£ 11,292	£ 120,224	£ 131,516
Spirits—all kinds	£ 68,486	£ 327,948	£ 396,434	£ 70,169	£ 263,774	£ 333,943
Sugar	£ 622,446	£ 111,110	£ 733,556	£ 612,157	£ 83,619	£ 695,776
Tea	£ 38,438	£ 335,432	£ 373,870	£ 36,760	£ 351,315	£ 388,975
Timber	£ 177,308	£ 336,698	£ 514,006	£ 143,992	£ 421,623	£ 565,615
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	£ 124,184	£ 203,401	£ 327,585	£ 132,853	£ 212,831	£ 345,684
Wool	£ 1,129,709	£ 2,534	£ 1,132,243	£ 919,603	£ 2,885	£ 922,488
All other Articles	£ 5,557,042	£ 5,591,618	£ 11,148,660	£ 4,646,852	£ 4,969,049	£ 9,615,901
Total	£ 14,938,885	£ 14,485,123	£ 29,424,008	£ 14,152,101	£ 13,133,857	£ 27,285,958

No. 7.—Principal Articles Exported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Quantities.		Value.	Value.		Value.
	Interstate.	Oversea.		Interstate.	Oversea.	
Animals, Living ... ...	.....	.....	£ 2,101,458	£ 144,989	£ 679,114	£ 90,628
Butter lb.	2,287,883	£ 17,153,024	93,947	£ 723,873	£ 59,788	£ 811,820
Coal tons	£ 1,510,989	£ 1,940,229	772,851	£ 792,751	£ 752,686	£ 724,779
Copper, Ingots, & Matte ... cwt.	797	£ 380,470	2,851	£ 1,277,748	2,003	£ 868,041
Gold Coin and Bullion ...	.....	.....	£ 474,896	£ 2,578,435	£ 302,878	£ 4,929,575
Grain—Wheat cental.	694,807	£ 2,710,545	£ 194,256	£ 761,437	£ 208,184	£ 1,415,489
Flour ,	316,868	£ 701,075	131,129	£ 258,767	143,109	£ 184,575
Lead—Pig, and Matte ...	.....	.....	£ 462,162	£ 610,696	£ 16,271	£ 649,804
Leather ... ...	.....	.....	£ 104,798	£ 339,813	£ 106,148	£ 233,813
Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb.	3,211,666	£ 48,707,817	39,734	£ 576,233	8,525	£ 275,227
Rabbits and Hares prs.	.....	£ 3,150,300	1,500	£ 143,768	1,721	£ 54,286
Oil—Cocoanut gall.	35,171	£ 932,830	4,012	£ 112,401	4,712	£ 140,600
Ores—N.e.i. ... ...	.....	.....	9,200	£ 303,012	£ 17,127	£ 256,510
Silver Bullion, &c. ... oz.	2,416,627	£ 820,481	£ 191,761	£ 96,517	251	£ 176,348
Silver-lead Bullion ... ...	.....	£ 589,367	.....	£ 572,283	22,966	£ 580,839
*Silver-lead Ore cwt.	260,070	£ 371,149	£ 42,769	£ 152,869	£ 1,490,548	£ 138,605
Skins—Hides No.	76,711	£ 148,474	£ 86,208	£ 162,295	78,401	£ 80,173
Sheep ,	379,571	£ 3,199,651	79,190	£ 350,389	43,327	£ 160,466
Rabbit and Hare lb.	347,768	£ 4,246,193	9,004	£ 160,180	9,142	£ 97,381
Other ... ...	.....	.....	2,942	£ 264,214	8,758	£ 161,616
*Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	7,060,805	£ 247,062	£ 1,306,997	£ 43,946	£ 32,742	£ 46,344
Tallow "	£ 13,312	£ 396,563	£ 11,927	£ 452,403	£ 11,415	£ 268,108
Timber ... ...	.....	.....	£ 29,387	£ 323,878	£ 23,722	£ 185,698
Tin Ingots cwt.	171	£ 66,344	£ 1,238	£ 464,811	903	£ 408,666
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	56,083,721	£ 230,217,131	£ 2,304,925	£ 1,141,335	£ 1,593,627	£ 8,657,131
All other Articles ... ...	.....	.....	£ 3,804,330	£ 1,684,487	£ 4,299,982	£ 1,493,263
Total ... ...	£ .....	.....	£ 12,263,472	£ 24,493,530	£ 9,918,050	£ 23,089,785

* See Spelter, Concentrates, &c.

† See Silver-lead Ore

No. 8.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
1895 ...	£ 6,758,140	£ 9,234,275	£ 15,992,415	£ 7,104,812	£ 14,829,973	£ 21,934,785
1896 ...	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905 ...	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	12,263,472	24,493,530	36,757,002

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase.
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
January ...	£ 742,149	£ 1,093,356	£ 1,835,505	£ 941,863	£ 1,282,597	£ 2,224,460	—388,955
February ...	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	19,601
March ...	888,632	1,796,875	2,685,507	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071	600,436
April ...	1,092,111	1,472,050	2,564,161	978,001	1,012,563	1,990,564	573,597
May ...	1,586,612	1,415,826	3,002,438	1,062,432	1,024,100	2,086,532	915,906
June ...	1,033,667	1,533,401	2,567,068	952,372	829,330	1,781,702	785,366
July ...	1,200,335	1,706,387	2,906,722	1,167,099	1,436,867	2,603,966	302,756
August ...	1,167,115	1,852,125	3,019,240	1,002,659	1,592,677	2,595,336	423,904
September ...	1,193,529	1,852,375	3,045,904	969,802	1,492,394	2,462,196	583,708
October ...	1,145,355	1,805,276	2,950,631	1,346,457	1,631,332	2,977,789	—27,158
Total (10 mos.) £	10,979,143	15,963,264	26,942,407	10,521,810	12,631,436	23,153,246	3,789,161

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase.
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
January ...	£ 2,568,357	£ 764,664	£ 3,333,021	£ 1,751,692	£ 697,048	£ 2,448,740	884,281
February ...	3,171,497	804,766	3,976,263	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	954,062
March ...	2,229,184	743,473	2,972,657	1,562,406	693,541	2,255,947	716,710
April ...	1,875,781	789,713	2,665,494	1,151,319	652,983	1,804,302	861,192
May ...	1,677,134	919,757	2,596,891	977,649	765,910	1,743,559	853,332
June ...	1,692,504	799,619	2,492,123	1,205,176	735,830	1,941,066	551,117
July ...	1,733,433	980,088	2,713,521	1,145,883	753,235	1,899,118	814,403
August ...	1,689,775	1,069,193	2,758,968	1,131,526	915,691	2,047,217	711,751
September ...	3,256,087	1,392,144	4,648,231	2,074,820	1,369,177	3,443,997	1,204,234
October ...	2,902,460	.....	.....	3,267,802	2,025,086	5,292,888	—305,342†
Total (10 mos.) £	22,796,212	.....	.....	16,540,522	9,358,453	25,898,975	6,255,690†

* The figures for October are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

No. 11.—Principal Articles Imported during October, and during the ten months—January to October.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
October.						
Ale and Beer	1,080	11,187	12,267	1,485	10,825	12,310
Animals	33,289	2,606	35,895	145,403	3,080	148,483
Apparel and Soft Goods	28,568	401,159	429,727	30,782	366,466	397,248
Boots and Shoes	13,479	14,379	27,858	17,561	12,567	30,128
Cordage and Twines	3,463	19,913	23,376	2,792	16,835	19,627
Drugs and Chemicals	2,741	31,781	34,522	1,883	26,301	28,184
Fish—all kinds	836	11,010	11,846	1,081	14,952	16,933
Fruits—Dried	3,191	2,300	5,491	4,046	1,002	5,048
Fresh	14,453	10,671	25,124	26,854	674	27,528
Furniture	1,921	9,420	11,341	2,744	3,686	6,430
Glass and Glassware	886	11,946	12,832	1,743	11,380	13,123
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	223,365	180,545	403,910	370,305	62,553	432,855
Grain—Rice ... ... ...	.....	14,747	14,747	.....	8,938	8,938
Hats and Caps	4,370	20,004	24,374	4,383	21,844	26,227
Implements—Agricultural ...	10,226	16,280	26,506	9,085	17,387	27,072
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	111	25,731	25,842	120	16,943	17,071
Galvanized Sheet ...	.....	36,966	36,966	.....	26,649	26,649
Leather	9,348	14,849	24,197	7,034	16,443	23,477
Machines and Machinery ...	8,667	105,576	114,243	6,344	58,820	65,164
Metal Manufactures—Free ...	234	95,964	96,198	531	67,855	68,386
Dutiable ...	7,127	53,072	60,199	6,413	65,553	71,966
Oil—Kerosene ... ... ...	.....	0,320	6,326	.....	5,770	5,776
Spirits	2,182	34,898	37,080	2,218	32,334	34,552
Sugar	100,677	2,585	103,262	80,959	58,648	139,007
Tea ... ... ...	.....	28,659	28,659	.....	52,775	52,775
Timber	8,426	47,506	55,932	8,832	36,562	45,394
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	5,235	27,624	32,859	10,434	27,632	38,066
Wine	3,163	2,527	5,690	4,008	3,951	7,959
Wool	94,322	185	94,507	140,378	73	140,451
Other Articles	563,995	564,860	1,128,855	458,431	582,828	1,041,250
Total £	1,145,355	1,805,276	2,950,631	1,346,457	1,631,332	2,977,789
January to October.						
Ale and Beer	12,183	99,167	111,350	17,019	108,561	125,580
Animals	1,106,087	47,082	1,153,169	1,052,278	25,381	1,077,059
Apparel and Soft Goods ...	295,352	3,899,326	4,194,678	282,871	3,496,341	3,779,212
Boots and Shoes	136,409	114,615	251,024	139,182	101,538	240,720
Cordage and Twines	20,395	199,656	220,051	20,155	158,049	178,204
Drugs and Chemicals	30,864	269,938	300,802	26,646	205,812	226,458
Fish—all kinds	6,635	101,311	107,946	9,779	76,591	86,370
Fruits—Dried	51,937	29,068	80,105	49,831	28,771	78,602
Fresh	172,528	63,693	236,221	277,521	7,379	284,900
Furniture	22,930	69,328	92,258	22,157	53,985	76,142
Glass and Glassware	8,911	112,664	121,575	9,689	85,112	94,801
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	2,211,171	1,331,949	3,543,120	3,152,526	712,607	3,805,133
Grain—Rice ... ... ...	.....	86,157	86,157	.....	73,158	73,158
Hats and Caps	41,254	179,162	220,416	30,923	138,353	169,276
Implements—Agricultural ...	72,443	84,415	156,858	80,169	97,993	178,162
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	1,700	287,008	288,708	1,609	140,006	141,615
Galvanized Sheet ...	6	319,535	319,541	.....	230,950	230,950
Leather	85,188	156,660	211,848	59,931	100,533	100,464
Machines and Machinery ...	81,381	827,299	908,680	50,214	588,647	638,861
Metal Manufactures—Free ...	4,464	743,140	747,604	6,788	483,666	490,454
Dutiable ...	70,604	439,315	509,919	50,749	442,641	493,390
Oil—Kerosene ... ... ...	.....	111,360	111,360	.....	115,577	115,577
Spirits	25,030	347,742	372,772	20,806	309,533	339,339
Sugar	620,147	132,802	752,949	310,444	92,924	403,368
Tea ... ... ...	.....	332,141	332,141	.....	343,768	343,768
Timber	72,634	499,793	572,427	70,505	334,637	405,142
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	99,536	234,753	334,289	83,683	171,902	255,591
Wine	32,237	35,125	67,362	27,445	27,355	54,800
Wool	953,314	1,135	954,449	733,032	2,375	735,407
Other Articles	4,744,703	4,807,925	9,552,628	3,941,858	3,877,285	7,819,143
Total £	10,979,143	15,963,264	26,942,407	10,521,810	12,631,436	23,153,210

No. 12.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during October, and during the ten months—January to October.

Article.	1906.				1905.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
October.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	123	123	4,049	4,049	644	644	22,480	22,480
Butter lb.	1,775,816	1,775,816	79,708	79,708	1,295,656	1,295,656	54,034	54,034
Coal ton	154,772	154,772	71,091	71,091	185,106	185,106	79,330	79,330
Copper cwt.	38,714	38,714	163,472	163,472	51,263	51,263	171,642	171,642
Fruits—Fresh cntl.	5,933	5,954	4,142	4,276	12,298	12,367	6,183	6,230
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	476,728	476,728	.....	.....	163,697	163,887
Grain—Wheat bshl.	122,487	122,487	19,903	19,903	7,653	7,653	1,368	1,368
Flour ton	4,243	4,243	30,760	30,760	3,277	3,281	25,829	25,869
Lead cwt.	81,435	81,435	73,663	73,663	82,400	82,400	54,575	54,575
Leather ... ...	.....	.....	30,757	31,814	.....	.....	23,589	23,740
Meats—Beef lb.	12,134	12,134	201	201	255,786	255,786	2,664	2,664
Mutton & Lamb ,,	5,450,448	5,450,448	57,329	57,329	9,168,837	9,168,837	97,439	97,439
Rabbits & Hares pair	309,891	309,891	13,607	13,607	356,275	356,275	8,906	8,906
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	202,257	202,449	4,935	4,944	755,395	756,319	16,046	16,074
Oil—Cocoanut ton	5,834	5,834	18,534	18,534	814	814	19,763	19,763
Ores ... ...	.....	.....	62,796	66,279	.....	.....	61,709	61,709
Silver Bullion oz.	56,342	56,342	7,186	7,186	29,658	29,658	3,331	3,331
Silver-lead Bullion cwt.	44,415	44,415	40,153	40,153	36,273	36,273	36,295	36,295
Skins—Hides No.	14,084	14,084	14,261	14,261	22,829	22,829	25,515	25,515
Sheep ,	235,674	235,674	33,207	33,207	372,230	372,230	51,387	51,387
Rabbit & Hare ... lb.	736,180	736,180	22,945	22,945	415,889	415,889	15,189	15,189
Other ... ...	.....	.....	45,529	45,529	.....	.....	45,203	45,203
Tallow cwt.	27,906	27,906	38,076	38,076	48,993	48,993	57,582	57,582
Timber ... ...	.....	.....	50,524	51,878	.....	.....	21,327	22,645
Tin cwt.	7,982	7,982	77,666	77,666	3,972	3,972	29,045	29,045
Wine gal.	4,494	4,495	1,421	1,958	2,331	2,514	708	857
Wool lb.	26,114,597	26,114,597	1,298,148	1,298,148	44,581,237	44,581,237	2,038,175	2,038,175
Other Articles ... ...	.....	.....	68,708	155,995	.....	.....	68,857	132,868
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	2,808,599	2,902,460	.....	.....	3,201,868	3,267,802
January to October.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	3,528	3,529	58,512	59,012	4,667	4,668	110,488	110,988
Butter lb.	15,735,560	15,735,560	662,248	662,248	14,600,808	14,600,868	589,256	589,259
Coal ton	1,647,781	1,647,781	718,508	718,508	1,584,654	1,584,654	657,761	657,761
Copper cwt.	321,097	321,097	1,215,141	1,215,141	301,317	301,317	976,306	976,306
Fruits—Fresh cntl.	38,378	39,303	23,251	24,300	67,013	69,201	33,196	34,708
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	5,550,570	5,678,430	.....	.....	1,938,646	1,938,909
Grain—Wheat bshl.	4,044,475	4,044,475	664,678	664,678	3,974,877	3,974,877	666,664	666,664
Flour ton	31,198	31,203	229,438	229,492	30,035	30,079	236,914	237,347
Lead cwt.	642,145	642,317	508,003	508,146	802,021	802,021	473,117	473,117
Leather ... ...	.....	.....	248,878	254,404	.....	.....	176,509	180,011
Meats—Beef lb.	3,285,641	3,285,641	36,378	36,378	773,610	773,610	8,015	8,015
Mutton & Lamb ,,	34,453,845	34,453,845	357,842	357,842	27,563,571	27,563,571	296,829	296,829
Rabbits & Hares pair	5,640,930	5,640,930	233,071	233,071	2,566,880	2,566,880	65,114	65,114
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	3,389,738	3,843,940	77,322	77,430	5,577,571	5,589,606	119,720	120,061
Oil—Cocoanut ton	11,981	11,983	112,069	112,094	4,440	4,440	107,801	107,801
Ores ... ...	.....	.....	619,652	623,140	.....	.....	387,506	387,964
Silver Bullion oz.	567,808	773,346	69,850	94,940	561,940	570,075	64,131	65,081
Silver-lead Bullion cwt.	610,082	610,082	569,935	569,935	551,575	551,575	505,946	505,946
Skins—Hides No.	104,905	104,905	121,115	121,115	106,062	106,062	108,022	108,022
Sheep ,	2,384,608	2,384,842	317,926	317,966	2,264,863	2,264,863	277,566	277,566
Rabbit & Hare ... lb.	7,038,085	7,038,085	279,328	279,328	2,063,053	2,063,053	74,690	74,690
Other ... ...	.....	.....	328,038	328,325	.....	.....	228,400	228,400
Tallow cwt.	293,648	293,648	370,539	370,539	249,209	249,209	283,178	283,178
Timber ... ...	.....	.....	291,572	304,435	.....	.....	253,172	261,496
Tin cwt.	67,853	67,923	592,213	592,350	47,833	47,833	329,057	329,057
Wine gal.	35,793	38,333	9,029	11,699	20,134	23,740	5,862	9,521
Wool lb.	127,201,671	127,201,671	6,983,650	6,987,650	132,723,957	132,723,957	6,378,902	6,378,902
Other Articles ... ...	.....	.....	614,902	1,367,616	.....	.....	573,425	1,168,409
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	21,863,658	22,796,212	.....	.....	15,925,593	16,540,522

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of oversea origin re-exported.

No. 13.—Outward Interstate Transfers during September, and during the nine months, January to September.

NOTE.—The figures for October, 1906, are not yet available.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
September.						
Animals—Live	200,643	130	200,773	231,471	315	231,786
Apparel and Soft Goods	11,411	31,500	42,911	10,175	30,081	40,256
Biscuits	3,678	1	3,679	2,871	.....	2,871
Boots and Shoes—Leather	11,565	1,553	13,118	9,188	859	10,047
Butter	756	.....	756	1,235	1	1,236
Cement	3,701	109	3,810	2,711	3	2,714
Coal	99,722	.....	99,722	72,121	.....	72,121
Fruits—Fresh	11,099	495	11,594	11,496	23	11,519
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	152,328	.....	152,328	81,601	.....	81,601
Grain—Wheat	11,931	.....	11,931	5,614	3	5,617
Flour	16,799	93	16,892	10,570	17	10,587
Hats and Caps	3,754	4,252	8,006	2,941	3,836	6,777
Leather	7,478	4,982	12,460	5,875	3,685	9,560
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	3,696	6,409	10,105	2,683	2,975	5,658
Free	1,233	3,005	4,238	1,726	3,711	5,437
Potatoes	2,326	.....	2,326	1,636	.....	1,636
Skins and Hides	14,612	.....	14,612	16,236	.....	16,236
Soap	3,692	.....	3,692	3,209	201	3,410
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	935	.....	935	9,639	.....	9,639
Spirits	1,164	6,941	8,105	753	4,354	5,107
Sugar	14,213	608	14,821	19,138	.....	19,138
Tea	.....	.....	8,321	8,321	8,782	8,782
Timber	1,751	207	1,958	1,295	111	1,406
Tobacco, Cigars, &c...	16,204	2,551	18,755	12,979	2,222	15,201
Wool...	353,933	.....	353,933	473,557	.....	473,557
Other Articles	268,516	103,847	372,303	218,780	98,498	317,278
Total	1,217,140	175,004	1,392,144	1,209,500	159,677	1,369,177
January to September.						
Animals—Live	1,222,485	3,328	1,225,813	1,124,918	1,932	1,126,850
Apparel and Soft Goods	107,571	235,676	343,247	80,752	208,612	289,364
Biscuits	37,433	66	37,499	27,869	45	27,914
Boots and Shoes—Leather	88,519	11,444	99,963	79,129	7,150	86,279
Butter	42,125	17	42,142	85,231	14	85,245
Cement	23,805	321	24,126	24,043	348	24,391
Coal	662,886	.....	662,886	582,562	.....	582,562
Fruits—Fresh	77,312	7,719	85,031	79,190	2,300	81,490
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	432,611	.....	432,611	283,488	5,014	288,502
Grain—Wheat	239,735	.....	239,735	144,228	7	144,235
Flour	127,949	564	128,513	89,712	938	90,650
Hats and Caps	21,050	19,306	40,356	17,987	17,867	35,854
Leather	74,389	43,172	117,561	51,152	25,801	76,953
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	39,781	39,132	78,913	24,936	29,648	54,584
Free	12,114	25,539	37,653	12,191	21,310	33,501
Potatoes	31,335	.....	31,335	28,185	.....	28,185
Skins and Hides	106,527	60	106,587	103,075	307	103,382
Soap	35,565	17	35,582	32,377	2,362	34,739
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	178,013	1	178,014	1,212,910	42	1,212,952
Spirits	26,899	53,836	80,735	7,266	37,884	45,150
Sugar	171,380	5,148	176,528	194,597	11,935	206,532
Tea	.....	70,600	70,600	.....	81,820	81,820
Timber	18,246	1,553	19,799	19,966	2,139	22,105
Tobacco, Cigars, &c...	139,932	25,172	164,204	125,030	22,340	147,370
Wool...	609,544	.....	609,544	549,406	.....	549,406
Other Articles	2,302,241	892,199	3,194,440	1,066,999	806,353	1,873,352
Total	6,828,547	1,434,870	8,263,417	6,047,199	1,286,168	7,333,367

No. 14.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1905.		£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	... 697,654	154,736	81,868	247,915	95,857	66,097	42,444
February ...	... 1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March ...	... 491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April ...	... 325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May ...	... 166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June ...	... 243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July ...	... 183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August ...	... 203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September ...	... 849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October ...	... 2,038,175	27,197	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November ...	... 2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December ...	... 2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525
1906.							
January ...	... 1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February ...	... 1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168
March ...	... 723,255	183,320	62,172	483,856	119,819	88,368	47,149
April ...	... 423,683	117,314	71,706	591,341	96,773	105,688	55,237
May ...	... 210,380	65,427	50,752	627,758	99,904	115,543	66,254
June ...	... 290,473	38,593	43,797	446,453	102,301	111,629	80,878
July ...	... 156,045	27,536	35,069	630,803	92,453	134,491	90,001
August ...	... 285,897	32,078	31,377	258,859	104,215	155,810	116,834
September ...	... 760,072	21,936	35,503	1,452,097	114,634	163,256	78,724
October ...	... 1,298,148	50,663	79,708	476,728	113,816	163,472	71,091

No. 15.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1895 ...	2,390	2,851,546	2,405	2,854,705	2,132,753	718,793	2,161,176	693,529
1896 ...	2,444	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
Jan.-Oct., 1906	2,372	4,303,504	2,383	4,331,189	3,753,304	550,200	3,776,744	554,445
,, 1905	2,193	3,837,722	2,206	3,806,967	3,276,257	561,465	3,223,561	583,406
October, 1906	271	491,327	272	502,996	443,017	48 310	451,879	48,117
,, 1905	251	462,128	258	456,121	430,436	31,692	413,834	42,287

No. 16.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1904.	1905.
Imports.						
Australian States	... 7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,152,101	14,938,885
United Kingdom	... 11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	7,867,880	8,602,288
Canada...	... ....	18,784	61,742	114,321	129,054	73,443
Fiji	... 192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	57,314	43,232
Hongkong	... 340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	122,130	89,351
India and Ceylon	... 134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	613,304	717,948
New Zealand	... 899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	862,455	1,309,001
South Africa	... 290	55	34	1,013	3,944	5,254
Straits Settlements	... 40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	46,366	82,830
Other British Possessions	... 109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	77,839	67,167
Total, British Countries	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	23,932,387	25,989,399
Belgium	... 195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	279,861	222,994
China	... 303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	15,290	28,631
France	... 345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	93,043	138,028
Germany	... 372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	819,267	864,289
Italy	... 1,311	23,961	39,503	92,732	76,945	73,757
Japan	... 1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	182,912	145,257
New Caledonia	... 82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	28,627	18,399
Philippine Islands	... 715	4,414	15,211	49,240	21,523	27,854
South Sea Islands	... 36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	75,542	103,142
United States	... 1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,579,345	1,630,069
Other Foreign Countries	... 90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	181,206	176,189
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,353,571	3,434,609
Total, All Countries	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	27,285,958	29,424,008
Exports.						
Australian States	... 6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	9,918,050	12,263,472
United Kingdom	... 7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,148,436	10,222,422
Canada	... ....	10	16,804	66,403	25,557	41,520
Fiji	... 128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	225,631	245,152
Hongkong	... 246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	343,275	424,460
India and Ceylon	... 130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,963,471	1,330,189
New Zealand	... 309,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	925,025	934,661
South Africa	... ....	1,014	3,266	755,487	229,733	371,727
Straits Settlements	... 29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	103,886	70,991
Other British Possessions	... 30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	91,713	89,969
Total, British Countries	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	23,974,777	25,994,563
Belgium	... 399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,223,091	1,787,163
China	... 21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	285,959	318,159
France	... 142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	2,105,829	3,570,246
Germany	... 29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,271,025	2,771,396
Italy	... 1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	112,012	176,770
Japan	... 2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	350,770	377,451
New Caledonia	... 153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	141,938	135,446
Philippine Islands	... ....	16,410	18,603	88,043	145,730	183,853
South Sea Islands	... 68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	116,036	141,381
United States	... 985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	1,763,060	602,145
Other Foreign Countries	... 151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	517,608	698,429
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	9,033,058	10,762,439
Total, All Countries	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	33,007,835	36,757,002

No. 17.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
1895	... 1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,937,952
1896	... 1,237,971	111,889	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	... 1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	... 1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	... 1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,955,059
1900	... 1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	... 1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	... 1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	... 1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	... 1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	... 1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,628	37,071,055	140,118	38,860,063
31 March, 1906	1,446,195	252,569	16,076,815	22,826,225	38,903,040	223,744	40,825,548
30 June, 1906	1,461,640	244,061	15,773,883	23,325,730	39,099,613	213,335	41,018,649
30 Sept., 1906	1,440,536	231,526	15,643,164	22,933,614	38,576,778	128,310	40,337,150
30 Sept., 1905	1,339,703	209,086	14,076,837	21,787,053	35,863,890	102,481	37,515,160

No. 18.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
1895	... 7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,707,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329
1896	... 6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828
1897	... 5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	... 5,504,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,701	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	... 5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	... 5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,936,427
1901	... 5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	... 6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,554,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	... 5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	... 6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	... 8,624,083	199,177	1,799,232	32,447,658	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
31 March, 1906	8,636,994	191,131	1,822,947	31,604,708	34,746	381,305	42,951,831
30 June, 1906	8,192,525	163,246	1,833,992	32,056,712	297,107	395,989	42,939,571
30 Sept., 1906	7,546,238	215,059	1,823,346	33,166,498	289,016	324,395	43,364,552
30 Sept., 1905	8,174,325	256,238	1,823,986	32,425,127	265,223	273,622	43,218,521

No. 19.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.	Amount.	Year.			Amount.
		£	£	£	
1895	109,265,984	1901	...	...	167,676,706
1896	116,962,784	1902	...	...	178,637,708
1897	121,645,824	1903	...	...	180,961,406
1898	126,978,018	1904	...	...	177,797,334
1899	146,188,144	1905	...	...	189,826,381
1900	144,080,313				
Total, 1st January to 29th October, 1906			...	...	£173,498,158
,, 1st	,, 30th	,, 1905	...	...	£149,700,519

No. 20.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
1895	202,802	8,073,575	856,575	39 16 2	6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,825	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,023	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 15 2
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 1 6

(-) Denotes decrease.

No. 21.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
1895	270,673	79,085,735	9,259,337	88,345,072	2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577

No. 22.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
1895	15,600,229	5,896,830	21,497,059	20,475,205	1,021,854	21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,799	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,108	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309

No. 23.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	... ... 596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	... ... 866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	... ... 993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	... ... 1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	... ... 1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	... ... 1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	... ... 1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	... ... 1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	... ... 1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	... ... 1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,672,973
1906	... ... 1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	2,838,081

No. 24.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	... ... 5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	... ... 8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	... ... 10,560,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	405,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	... ... 9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	... ... 13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	... ... 16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	... ... 14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	... ... 1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	... ... 27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	... ... 16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710
1906	... ... 20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	6,543,000

No. 25.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	... .. 8'7	27'0	15'8	14'4	0'7	202	3 0 10
1897	... .. 10'2	27'2	21'1	17'6	1'0	172	3 4 9
1898	... .. 10'6	32'0	19'0	20'8	1'0	193	3 8 7
1899	... .. 7'0	31'4	14'0	19'8	0'7	185	2 4 3
1900	... .. 9'5	27'8	21'6	18'1	1'0	160	2 6 0
1901	... .. 10'6	30'5	20'2	19'0	1'1	197	2 8 0
1902	... .. 10'6	22'9	21'3	21'4	1'1	178	3 2 0
1903	... .. 1'2	15'1	8'2	20'9	0'5	160	1 16 10
1904	... .. 17'5	30'1	24'3	21'9	1'6	213	3 5 9
1905	... .. 9'3	25'6	16'1	20'4	0'8	175	2 0 6
Mean for 10 years	9'7	27'1	18'4	19'1	1'7	183	2 12 8
1906	... .. 10'7	29'3	22'9	19'6	1'0	157	2 6 1

No. 26.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	*644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively, and for 1905, 154,649 and 46,559 respectively.

No. 27.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,010,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	492,734	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,602,440

No. 28.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year ...	... 1,000	1,000	1,000
1902 " " ...	... 1,065	1,096	935
1903 " " ...	... 1,065	1,125	992
1904 " " ...	... 1,071	1,112	1,011
1905 " " ...	... 1,150	1,192	1,149
October, 1902 ...	1,083	1,182	909
1903 ...	1,040	1,091	969
1904 ...	1,106	1,119	1,029
1905 ...	1,210	1,269	1,210
January, 1906 ...	1,234	1,271	1,350
March, " ...	1,256	1,335	1,353
June, " ...	1,287	1,361	1,386
July, " ...	1,270	1,347	1,323
August, " ...	1,280	1,314	1,409
September, " ...	1,277	1,283	1,466
October, 1906 ...	1,296	1,268	1,567

No. 29.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
October, 1905	33 6	8 7 0	114	106	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	27 6
November, "	33 0	8 11 0	113	108	12	1 10	27 6
December, "	32 3	8 12 0	115	110	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 8	27 6
January, 1906	31 6	8 7 0	116	108	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	27 6
February, "	31 3	8 5 0	106	101	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 9	28 0
March, "	31 6	8 5 0	104	94	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 0
April, "	31 6	8 1 0	95	90	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 0
May, "	31 3	8 6 0	97	95	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	27 6
June, "	30 9	8 1 0	97	94	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	28 9
July, "	31 3	8 0 0	103	94	12	1 9	28 9
August, "	30 9	7 17 0	112	106	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 8	29 0
September, "	30 6	7 17 0	114	111	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 8	29 0
October, "	31 0	7 11 0	119	113	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	28 6

No. 30.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.							
							per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.	
October, 1905	3 6 $\frac{5}{8}$	8 0 0	11	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 2 $\frac{1}{2}$							
November, "	3 7 $\frac{5}{8}$	8 2 6	11 $\frac{5}{8}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 11 $\frac{3}{8}$	5 0 $\frac{1}{2}$							
December, "	3 8	8 2 6	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 11	4 5							
January, 1906	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 15 0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 2							
February, "	3 1 $\frac{5}{8}$	7 9 9	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	2 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$							
March, "	3 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 7 9	9 $\frac{7}{8}$	9 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 7 $\frac{3}{8}$	3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$							
April, "	3 4	7 6 9	10 $\frac{1}{8}$	10 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 9							
May, "	3 5 $\frac{5}{8}$	7 13 6	11 $\frac{5}{8}$	11 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 7 $\frac{1}{4}$							
June, "	3 6	7 17 6	11	11	3 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 8							
July, "	3 5 $\frac{7}{8}$	7 15 0	10 $\frac{3}{8}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 10							
August, "	3 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 15 0	10	10	3 4	2 11							
September, "	3 3 $\frac{5}{8}$	7 13 0	9 $\frac{1}{8}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 3	2 8 $\frac{3}{4}$							
October, "	3 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 9 9	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	10	2 7	2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$							
		Hay (Oaten).		Butter (Best Brands).		Cheese (Loaf).		Bacon (Sides).		Lard (Bulk).		Eggs.	
				per ton. £ s. d.		per lb. d.		per lb. d.		per lb. d.		per doz. d.	
October, 1905	3 11 3			11 $\frac{3}{8}$		7 $\frac{1}{8}$		6		4 $\frac{3}{4}$		6 $\frac{3}{4}$	
November, "	3 7 6			10 $\frac{1}{2}$		6		6		4 $\frac{3}{4}$		7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
December, "	3 5 0			10 $\frac{7}{8}$		5 $\frac{5}{8}$		6 $\frac{3}{8}$		5		9 $\frac{4}{5}$	
January, 1906	4 1 6			11 $\frac{1}{4}$		5 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 $\frac{1}{8}$		8 $\frac{3}{4}$	
February, "	3 4 6			10 $\frac{3}{8}$		5 $\frac{3}{8}$		7 $\frac{1}{2}$		5 $\frac{1}{8}$		11	
March, "	3 11 8			10 $\frac{1}{8}$		5 $\frac{7}{8}$		7 $\frac{3}{4}$		5 $\frac{1}{4}$		12 $\frac{3}{8}$	
April, "	3 7 0			9 $\frac{1}{8}$		5 $\frac{1}{4}$		6 $\frac{7}{8}$		5 $\frac{3}{8}$		14 $\frac{1}{8}$	
May, "	3 15 0			9 $\frac{7}{8}$		5 $\frac{3}{4}$		6		5 $\frac{3}{8}$		13 $\frac{1}{2}$	
June, "	3 18 6			10 $\frac{5}{8}$		6 $\frac{1}{4}$		5 $\frac{5}{8}$		5 $\frac{1}{2}$		13 $\frac{7}{8}$	
July, "	3 14 0			11		6		6		5 $\frac{1}{4}$		11	
August, "	3 14 3			12 $\frac{1}{8}$		6		6 $\frac{3}{4}$		5 $\frac{1}{8}$		7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
September, "	3 13 6			11 $\frac{3}{8}$		6		7 $\frac{1}{8}$		5 $\frac{1}{4}$		6 $\frac{3}{4}$	
October, "	3 14 3			11 $\frac{3}{8}$		6		7 $\frac{7}{8}$		5 $\frac{3}{8}$		6 $\frac{3}{4}$	

No. 31.—Gold produced, January to October, and Minerals exported, January to September.

Gold yield during the first nine months, 1905 and 1906.

		1906.		1905.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to September ...	...	195,885	832,066	189,287	804,043
October ...	...	33,908	144,031	30,685	130,341
Total for ten months	...	229,793	976,097	219,972	934,384

Export of Minerals during the first nine months, 1905 and 1906.

Exports.	Nine months, 1906.		Nine months, 1905.		Third quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	213,305	26,748	253,732	28,859	41,144	5,358
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c. ... ton	261,224	1,959,949	324,508	1,755,710	95,307	782,245
Copper ingots, and ore* ... "	7,710	585,587	6,167	388,758	2,791	213,747
Tin ingots, and ore* ... "	1,956	316,348	1,857	227,574	682	128,819
Coal—						
To Australasian Ports ... "	1,618,887	628,370	1,477,669	580,283	617,495	240,982
" other Ports ... "	1,994,995	874,940	1,186,162	493,519	854,567	381,379
Total Export of Coal...	3,613,882	1,503,310	2,663,831	1,073,802	1,472,062	622,361
Grand Total ...	.....	£ 4,391,942	.....	£ 3,474,703	.....	£ 1,752,530

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first nine months of the years 1905 and 1906 are as follow:—

	Nine months, 1906.		Nine months, 1905.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper ...	3,705	51,185	3,506	37,324
Tin ...	1,874	183,491	1,702	126,926

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 32.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1904 and 1905.

Minerals.	1904.		1905.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—						
Gold ... oz. fine	269,817	£ 1,146,109	274,267	£ 1,165,013	18,904	.....
Silver ... "	1,121,402	123,256	417,520	52,196	.....	71,060
Silver—lead and ore ... ton	397,220	1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856	499,572	.....
Lead—pig, &c. ... "	5,883	65,964	210	2,657	.....	63,307
Zinc spelter & concentrates ...	57,603	117,978	103,532	221,155	103,177	.....
Tin ingots and ore ... "	1,700	188,377	1,957	226,110	37,733	.....
Copper ingots and ore ... "	8,932	406,001	8,592	527,403	121,402	.....
Antimony and ore ... "	109	503	388	5,221	4,718	.....
Bismuth ... "	40	12,329	55	20,763	8,434	.....
Wolfram ... "	89	8,432	86	7,361	.....	1,071
Scheelite ... "	16	1,406	138	10,122	8,716	.....
Molybdenite ... "	25	2,726	19	2,507	.....	219
Platinum ... oz.	535	1,070	398	825	.....	245
Non-metallic—						
Coal ... ton	6,019,809	£ 1,994,952	6,632,138	2,003,461	8,509	.....
Coke ... "	171,006	110,692	162,961	100,306	.....	10,386
Kerosene shale ... "	37,871	26,770	38,226	21,247	.....	5,523
Alunite ... "	370	925	2,702	6,750	5,825	.....
Limestone flux ... "	24,975	14,434	14,941	9,519	.....	4,915
Ironstone flux ... "	8,661	6,628	6,801	4,525	.....	2,103
Marble ... "	.....	1,600	.....	2,420	820	.....
Diamonds ... carat	14,296	11,620	6,354	3,745	.....	7,875
Opal ... "	.....	57,000	.....	59,000	2,000	.....
Sundry minerals ... "	.....	2,204	.....	2,919	715	.....
Total ...	...	£ .....	6,243,260	.....	6,897,081	653,821
					Net increase	.....

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £80,504 in 1904 and £85,693 in 1905, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £68,000 and £103,119, respectively, in 1904 and 1905. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 33.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.
1895	£ 1,315,929	£ 1,642,671	£ 136,969	£ 87,937	£ 1,095,327
1896	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281
1897	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041
1898	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833
1899	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799
1900	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911
1901	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929
1902	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598
1903	1,080,029	1,501,403	446,286	155,723	2,319,660
1904	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952
1905	1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461

No. 34.—Manufactories.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
1895	2,723	No. 41,546	No. 6,484	No. 48,030	£ 5,255,129	£ Not available.	£ Not available.
1896	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	"
1897	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	"
1898	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	"
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	"
1900	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	£ Not available.
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950	5,191,350	30,028,150

No. 35.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1895	2,531	36,611,366	£ 1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5 1/2	19,725,418
1896	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3 1/2	21,005,048
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5 3/4	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4 3/4	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3 3/4	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,952	8,894,352	3 1 1/2	20,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10 1/4	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4 3/4	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9 3/4	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3 1/4	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10 1/4	35,158,150
1906	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
*September, 1906 ...	3,390	43,626,063	432,131	2,960,673	2 11	9,603,495
*September, 1905 ...	3,303	43,062,550	392,587	2,851,047	2 9	8,820,365

* Quarter ended 30th September.

No. 36.—Current Rates of Wages.

Mechanics, Artisans, and others (without Board and Lodging).

Bakers (per week), 50/- to 60/-	
Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average, 50/-	
Boilermakers—	
1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average	
1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-	
Brassfinishers, 1/- per hour; average, 42/-	
Brassmoulders, 1/3 " " 50/-	
Bricklayers, 1/4½ " " 45/-	
Brickmakers, 1/- " " 40/-	
Carpenters and joiners, 1/3 per hour; av'ge, 50/-	
Coach-painters, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/- to 50/-	
Coachsmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	
Compositors (piecework)—	
1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.	
52/- per week (jobbing).	
Linotype (newspapers), -/3 per 1,000 ens.	
Time rate, 1/6 per hour (day).	
1/9 " (night).	
Cooper (piecework), 50/- to 60/- per week.	
Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	
Engineers, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	
Engine-drivers, 30/- to 50/- per week; av'ge, 40/-	
Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	
Galvanised iron workers, 1/1½ per hour; av'ge, 50/-	
Gas-fitters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 55/-	
General labourers, 7/- per day.	
Skilled " 8/- " ; average, 40/-	
Ironmoulders, 1/3 per hour; average, 40/-	
Iron-turners, 1/3 " " 50/-	

Masons and stone-cutters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 40/-
Navvies—av'ge, 7½ to 8/- per day; 40/- per week.
Painters and paperhanglers (44 hours per week), 1½ per hour; average, 35/- per week.
Pattern-makers, 10/- to 12/- per day.
Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
Plumbers, 1/4½ " " 50/-
Saddlers (piecework), average, 48/- to 50/-
Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.
Shop assistants (per week)—
Butchers, with board, 25/- to 30/-
" without board, 35/- to 45/-
Drapers (males), 30/- to 45/-
" (females), 12/6 to 20/-
Grocers, 30/- to 45/-
Ironmongers, 30/- to 40/-
Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1½ per hour; average, 50/-
Trolley and Draymen, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/- per week of 57 hours. 2/6 per week for each additional horse.
Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.
Wharf labourers—
Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime; average, 30/-
Interstate and coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/4 overtime; average, 30/-
Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
Woolwashers, 7/- per day.

Average Wages for Adults in Factories (per week).

Aerated water bottlers, 35/-
 Boat builders (average, 40/-), 54/-
 Bookbinders (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Bootmakers, male (average, 38/-), 45/-
 Bootmakers, female machinists (av/ge, 12/6), 15/-
 Brewery hands, 36/- to 44/-
 Cabinetmakers (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Dressmakers, 12/6 to 20/-
 Gasworks labourers, 40/-
 Milliners, 12/6 to 20/-
 Paper-bag makers, females—
 Handwork, 15/- to 18/-
 Machinists, 16/- to 20/-
 " males, 30/- to 40/-

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round in the specified trades. An ordinary working day consists of eight hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Interstate Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £17; 2nd, £11 to £13; 3rd, £9 to £10; 4th, £8.	Firemen, £8 10s. to £10.
Engineers, chief, £20 to £27 10s.; 2nd, £16 to £19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.	Trimmers, £6 10s. to £7.
	Able seamen, £7. " " (sailing ships), average, £5.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Firemen, £9 to £10. Trimmers, £7. Able Seamen, £7 (6-hour watches).

No. 36.—Current Rates of Wages—*continued.**Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.*

Married couples (without encumbrances), farm, £65; station, £70 to £80.	Stockmen, £45 to £52.
Farm labourers, 15/-	Country blacksmiths, station, 30/-; general (without station rations), 50/- to 60/-
Boundary riders, 15/- to 40/-	Useful boys, 7/6 to 12/6.
Bullock drivers, 17/6 to 20/-	Shearers (per 100 sheep); no rations, 20/-
Dairy hands, 12/6 to 20/-	Harvest hands, 30/-
Rouseabouts and shed hands, 12/6 to 15/-	Orchard hands, 10/- to 20/-
Horse team drivers, 20/- to 22/6.	Vignerons, 15/- to 17/6.

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks—	House and parlourmaids, 12/- to 14/-
Hotel, 12/- to 30/-	General servants, 10/- to 18/-
Station, 20/- to 25/-	Gardeners, 12/6 to 25/-
Private house, 15/- to 20/-	Grooms and coachmen, 15/- to 20/-
Boarding house, 20/- to 30/-	Nursemaids, and assist in house, 6/- to 10/-
Laundresses, 20/-	Useful girls, 4/- to 8/-
Cook and laundress, 15/- to 20/-	Waitresses (board only), 12/- to 15/-

No. 37.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	...	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316 2,635,456
1896	...	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418 2,796,776
1897	...	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778 2,728,360
1898	...	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242 2,866,570
1899	...	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663 3,112,063
1900	...	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065 3,219,907
1901	...	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272 3,449,315
1902	...	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356 3,627,369
1903	...	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395 3,638,591
1904	...	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491 3,637,280
1905	...	2,266	102,292,888	9,665,700	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827 3,837,962

No. 38.—Meteorology.

District.	October, 1906.						October— (Mean 1896-1905).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.								
North Coast—											
Grafton	65.8	80.2	51.4	3.55	8	69.1	2.27	7	68.4	38.91	
Hunter and Manning—											
Singleton	64.8	76.2	53.4	2.70	4	65.0	2.77	6	64.4	30.15	
Cumberland—											
Sydney	65.0	73.5	56.5	2.06	10	63.9	3.24	12	62.8	49.05	
South Coast—											
Bega	62.2	75.9	48.5	1.57	5	60.6	1.57	7	59.8	32.49	
Northern Tableland—											
Armidale	56.7	68.5	44.8	2.53	11	57.2	2.14	8	56.4	31.87	
Central Tableland—											
Bathurst	57.6	71.2	43.9	3.21	8	58.3	2.08	8	57.2	23.96	
Southern Tableland—											
Goulburn	56.1	67.7	44.5	2.14	10	56.4	2.00	8	56.4	25.91	
North-western Slope—											
Gunnedah	64.4	78.4	50.3	1.53	6	66.6	1.65	6	66.2	24.93	
Central-western Slope—											
Dubbo	62.8	79.4	46.1	4.57	5	64.6	1.97	6	63.5	22.36	
South-western Slope—											
Wagga	63.3	77.9	48.6	3.32	10	62.8	1.98	7	61.5	21.71	
North-western Plain—											
Moree	67.5	82.3	52.6	2.08	7	69.7	1.65	5	68.8	23.29	
Central-western Plain—											
Coonamble	64.9	80.6	49.2	0.85	2	69.3	1.45	5	65.8	20.12	
Riverina—											
Deniliquin	61.0	73.9	48.1	3.44	9	62.8	1.29	6	61.9	16.35	